

**Saturday, March 30**

11:59 p.m. **Communication Contest Registration due** – FairEntry

**Saturday, April 14**

9:15 a.m. **Communication Contest/Clothing Event Judging begins** – United Methodist Church

5:30 p.m. **Clover Kid posters and presentations/demonstrations** – United Methodist Church  
**Rosette ceremony to follow** – United Methodist Church

## **COMMUNICATION CONTEST**

The Communications Division provides opportunities for youth to develop their personal communication skills. The Communication Contests is not held at the county fair due to space requirements and scheduling conflicts. However, posters will be displayed and participants are invited to do their working exhibit or give their presentation during the county fair. Share-the-Fun is the one communication contest held in July.

### **Educational Presentation**

1. Give a talk or speech with illustrations or posters that communicates knowledge, information or a process about a particular subject.
2. Topic selection should be appropriate and should be an outgrowth of the presenter's 4-H experience.
3. Junior level 4-H'ers (grades 4-6) with presentations have a maximum time length of 15 minutes.
4. Intermediate and senior level 4-H'ers (grades 7-12) with presentations have a maximum length of 20 minutes.
5. Set-up must be done by exhibitor only (like state fair). Internet connections will not be available.
6. If unable to give your presentation at the communication contest, the presentation may be video-taped and submitted for non-conference judging, but it will not be eligible for state fair selection.
7. Up to 6 entries may be selected by the judge for exhibition at the Iowa State Fair.

### **Class**

Junior Educational Presentation

Intermediate/Senior Presentation

### **Working Exhibit**

1. The intent is to teach a process, transmit knowledge and develop skills.
2. Topic selection should be appropriate and should be an outgrowth of the presenter's 4-H experience.
3. Use of sanitary and safe procedures and methods is always important, particularly if food samples are available to the audience.
4. All processes used should be safe for involvement by audiences of all ages.
5. All working exhibits at the county communication contest will be scheduled to be in progress for 20 minutes. Entries selected to represent Story County at the Iowa State Fair will have different time lengths scheduled at the Iowa State Fair. Set-up must be done by exhibitor only (like state fair).
6. Your presence at the contest is required to enter this class.
7. Up to 4 entries may be selected by the judge for exhibition at the Iowa State Fair.

### **Class**

Junior Working Exhibit

Intermediate/Senior Working Exhibit

### **4-H Posters**

1. Only one poster per 4-H'er. Conference judging time for posters will be scheduled
2. Choose one of the following poster themes:
  - a. 4-H is . . .
  - b. Join 4-H
  - c. 4-H Grows...
  - d. Your Passport to Success (The 2018 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
  - e. Nothing Compares (The Iowa State Fair theme)
3. The Poster Exhibit Entry Form should be attached to the back of the poster. This form is available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/story/page/member-info>.
4. All posters must be designed on or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board – size minimum of 14" x 20" or maximum of 15" x 22".
5. Posters may be vertical or horizontal and completed with any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, etc. They cannot be 3-dimensional and materials used to make the poster cannot extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.

- The poster may include the 4-H emblem/clover. Do not print on or cover the emblem; however, because it is a copyright logo. Posters cannot incorporate copyright materials or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
- Up to 2 entries may be selected by the judge to be entered at the Iowa State Fair.

### **Extemporaneous Speaking**

This contest is designed to encourage the development of the communication life-skill by enhancing the ability to think, organize, speak, and answer questions readily before an audience.

- This contest is open to 4-H'ers in grades 4-12, but only 4-H'ers in grades 9 – 12 are eligible for advancement to the Iowa State Fair.**
- At the beginning of the assigned 30 minute preparation time in the preparation room, the contestant will draw three 4-H topics and select one to prepare a speech on. The contestant may not leave the preparation room when the 30 minute preparation time begins, until it is time to give his/her speech in the audience room.
- The 4-H'er will have the rest of the 30 minutes in the preparation room to prepare a speech 4 minutes (minimum) to 6 minutes (maximum) in length without help from other 4-H'ers or adults.
- Plain note cards and some 4-H reference materials will be available in the preparation room for the contestant's use. The contestant may also bring their own printed reference materials (books, magazines, web pieces, etc) but no written notes or outlines. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used for the speech.
- In the audience room, a person timing the speech will show cue cards for each minute (1, 2, 3, 4, 5). The contestant will be asked to stop at six minutes. Questions may follow.
- Props, posters, or visuals of any sort are not allowed in the audience room.
- Evaluation criteria includes: content related to topic, knowledge of the subject, organization of material, power of expression, voice, stage presence, general effect, and response to questions.
- Up to 2 entries may be selected by the judge for exhibition at the Iowa State Fair.

### **Extemporaneous Writing**

The opportunity is available for 4-H'ers to enter an extemporaneous writing contest. Being able to collect your thoughts and write them legibly on paper in a way that communicates your ideas well and in a logical order is an essential skill to develop.

- A 4-H topic will be communicated with the 4-H'er in the writing room.
- In the writing room, the 4-H'er will then have a limited time to write about the topic. Junior 4-H'ers will have 20 minutes, Intermediates 25 minutes, and Senior 4-H'ers will have 30 minutes to write about their topic. The room monitor will track the minutes available to contestant. If done writing early, the contestant may leave the writing room, but will be unable to re-enter this room.
- Paper and some 4-H reference materials will be provided in the room for the contestant's use. The contestant may also bring their own printed reference materials (books, magazines, web pieces, etc), but no written notes or outlines.
- Evaluation criteria includes: content related to topic, organization of information, conciseness in wording, and neatness of writing
- A time for a conference between the 4-H'er and the judge will also be scheduled.
- Entries in this Communication Contest Class **CANNOT** be selected for Iowa State Fair exhibition.

### **Clover Kids**

#### **Clover Kid Poster**

- Make a poster on any topic related to Clover Kids.
- Posters should be 14" x 22" (1/2 sheet of poster board) in size.
- A 4-H clover emblem may be included on your poster. You will bring the poster with you to the event.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Educational Presentation or Working Exhibit**

- Give a 2-5 minute presentation or demonstration.
- Pick a topic that you have had experience with as a Clover Kid.
- You may bring props and do the presentation or demonstration with one friend who is also a Clover Kid.

## **SHARE-THE-FUN**

**Superintendent:** JoAnn Kromminga  
**Teen Superintendents:** Youth Council

1. Share-the-Fun provides an opportunity for 4-H members to perform before an audience, provide a program that will help broaden the image of 4-H and provide 4-H'ers an opportunity to Share-the-Fun and fellowship of members from other clubs.
2. Share-the-Fun will be presented Thursday evening, July 19 at Tope Auditorium in Nevada.
3. Each club may have as many entries (large group, small groups, individual) as they wish, however, individual members may perform in only two entries total.
4. Skits, songs, short one-act plays, dances (folk, square, modern, tap) plus other entertainment will be acceptable.
5. Acts must not exceed 8 minutes in length.
6. Share-the-Fun entries through <http://storyia.fairentry.com> are due by June 15. An entry fee of \$1.00 per person per entry must accompany the Share-the-Fun Entry. Each person in a group pays \$1.00 for the group entry.
7. Each act is required to complete and submit a Share-the-Fun Form by June 15.
8. All participants will receive blue, red, or white ribbons. Three entries and three alternates may be selected for State Fair entry. State Fair participants will have to be in 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade during the 4-H program year. (Exception – if a whole club\* is involved in the performance and the 80% of the group participants are in grade 5 or higher, the members may participate at the state fair if selected). Premiums will be paid in this division.
9. Clover Kids can participate and receive a participation ribbon.